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Our Ref: 1533.1510001/SRL/J-S

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated March 20, 2002, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application;
3. Original Declaration executed by Russ Egbert and Victor Lobo;
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5. Our Check No. 35223 for \$1,222.00 to cover:
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6. A return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,


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